(e) whether inter-linking of disputed rivers and of watersheds are on the anvil;

(f) if so, the action taken if any, thereon; and

(g) whether Government propose to take steps to review the river linking project in the light of the above disputes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The details of the Inter-State river water sharing disputes referred to the Union Government under Inter-State Water Disputes Act 1956 are as follows:

Sl. No.	River/Rivers	States concerned
1	Ravi & Beas	Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan
2	Cauvery	Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Pondicherry
3	Madie/Mandovi/Mahadayi	Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra
4	Krishna	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(d) The water disputes related to Ravi & Beas, Cauvery and Krishna have been referred to the Tribunals for adjudication in 1986, 1990 & 2004 respectively. In respect of Madei/Mandovi water dispute, the Minister (WR) convened an inter-State meeting in December, 2002, during which it was decided that Government of Goa and Central Water Commission would make joint efforts to reconcile the discrepancies in the data and in yield figure.

(e) and (f) The Peninsular Component of National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development prepared by Government envisages interlinking of Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna and Cauvery. The feasibility reports of 9 links in Peninsular Component have been completed.

(g) The Government envisages a comprehensive assessment of the feasibility of linking of the rivers of the country in a fully consultative manner.

Release of water from Almatti Dam

1462. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would prevail and take up the matter with

the Government of Karnataka with regard to the release of 50 TMC water from the Almatti Dam to meet the urgent water requirements is Rayalaseema and Telangana areas in view of a crisis due to poor inflow of water into the two major reservoirs in Andhra Pradesh, Namely Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailam;

(b) if so, the details of action proposed to be taken; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The matter regarding release of water from the Almatti Dam to meet the urgent requirements in Andhra Pradesh was taken up with the Chief Minister of Karnataka through a letter from the Minister of Water Resources followed by telephonic request on 22 July, 2004. Karnataka has started releasing water from Almatti Dam since first week of August, 2004.

Amendment of Presidential Order on Tungabhadra Board

1463. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would amend the Presidential order constituting the Tungabhadra Board and to vest the Tungabhadra Board with the administrative control of the Rajalobanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) Anicut also;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka have requested the Central Government to constitute a Tribunal to adjudicate the dispute on water allocation of Krishna Basin River. The Central Government has constituted the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal (KWDT) and the complaints received from the States have been referred to KWDT for adjudication. As the matter is under the consideration of the Tribunal, there is no proposal for amending the Presidential Order constituting the Tungabhadra Board and to vest the Tungabhadra Board with the administrative control of Rajalobanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) Anicut.